

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4106

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INFO MAC SCOTT AFB NIACT IMMEDIATE

MIL SEALIFT COMD WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE

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S E C R E T SAIGON 3474

FOLLOWING DANANG TEL SENT 25 MAR TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON BEING  
REPEATED TO YOU:

SECRET DANANG 0315

FOR CHARGE LEHMANN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PORS, VS

SUBJ: E&E

REF: 0298, 0299

1. AFTER NOON OF MARCH 25 NVA/VC PLATOON  
AND COMPANY SIZED UNITS ATTACKED RVNAF POSITIONS WITHIN THREE  
TO FIVE KILOMETERS OF DANANG CITY. (SOUTH OF CITY NEAR MARBLE  
MOUNTAIN AIRFIELD.) MARCH 26 AT 0115 HOURS DANANG AIRFIELD TOOK  
10 TO 15 ROUNDS OF INCOMING. (TYPE OF ROUNDS AND DAMAGE AT THIS  
TIME UNKNOWN.)

2. AS OUTLINED REFTELS I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD INITIATE  
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THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR US NAVAL FORCES MOVEMENT TO POINT OFF

SHORE AT DANANG TO STAND BY FOR E&E IMMEDIATELY. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MOVE SHOULD BE SECRET IF POSSIBLE.

3. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE NVA/VC ATTEMPT TO CLOSE THE AIRFIELD OR AT LEAST SERIOUSLY HAMPER ITS USEFULNESS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SA-7 MISSILES FIRED FROM LOCATION OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S TWO ATTACKS SOUTH OF DANANG WOULD KNOCK OUT AIRCRAFT USING EITHER THE MAIN DANANG AIRFIELD OR THE SMALLER MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIRFIELD. HEAVY ROCKET/ARTILLERY ATTACKS ON THE AIR FIELDS WOULD MAKE IT IMPRACTICAL TO USE THEM FOR ANY EVACUATION OF PERSONNEL IN NUMBERS WE HAVE TO MOVE. IF ABFS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST CITY PANIC AND CIVIL DISORDER ARE VERY REAL POSSIBILITIES.

4. I PRESUME IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME FOR THE NAVY TO GET HERE. I HOPE ITS NOT TOO LONG BECAUSE I THINK THEY MAY WELL TRY TO CLOSE THE DOOR ON US IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.  
FRANCIS  
LEHMANN

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